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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SY, IS
SUBJECT: ESCAPE OF THREE DRUZE VILLAGERS FROM MAJDAL
SHAMS INTO SYRIA

1. EMBOFF OBTAINED FROM SYRIAN SOURCE DETAILS OF RECENT
ESCAPE OF THREE DRUZE VILLAGERS FROM MAJDAL SHAMS TO
SYRIA ACROSS UNDOF LINES. SOURCE STATED SYRIAN SECURITY
OFFICIAL HAD TOLD HIM DEC. 30 THAT IN SECURITY OFFICE
WHERE HE WORKS OFFICIALS WERE INTERROGATING THREE DRUZE
VILLAGERS WHO HAD MADE THEIR WAY TO UNDOF FORCES IN DIS-
ENGAGEMENT ZONE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS PREVIOUSLY AND
SAID THEY HAD FLED ISRAEL TO REJOIN THEIR COMPATRIOTS
IN SYRIA. UNDOF TRIED TO TURN THEM OVER TO SARG BUT MET
WITH INITIAL RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT INDIVIDUALS WHO, IN
SYRIAN VIEW, WERE POSSIBLY ISRAELI SPIES. UNDOF ARGUED
THAT THEIR RECEPTION BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, IF UNDOF
OBLIGED TO RETURN THEM, WOULD NOT BE POSITIVE. UNDOF
VIEW REPORTEDLY PREVAILED, AND SYRIAN SECURITY WAS
ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY OF DETERMINING BONA FIDES OF
THREE REFUGEES.

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2. COMMENT: IF ABOVE REPORT TRUE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
EITHER SYRIANS OR ISRAELIS MAY CHOOSE TO LEAK STORY AT
SOME FUTURE TIME. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT LINE CROSSINGS
ALONG GOLAN -- AS SEPARATE FROM PRISONER EXCHANGES AND
OTHER MATTERS OFFICIALLY ARRANGED AMONG SYRIA, ISRAEL,
UNDOF AND ICRC -- ARE RELATIVELY UNCOMMON. SO FAR,

INCIDENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE UPSET PERIODIC MEETINGS
AT "GOLAN GATE" BETWEEN DRUZE FAMILIES LIVING IN OCCUPIED
GOLAN AND THEIR SYRIAN RELATIVES.
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